

## POINTING DEVICE WITH HAND DETECTION

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An input device having a housing and electronic circuitry for detecting user inputs, and transmitting signals corresponding to those inputs to an electronic device, such as a computer. A sleep mode is provided for the electronic circuitry to conserve power. A hand detection circuit is provided for detecting the proximity of a user's hand to the housing and producing a hand detect signal in response. The hand detect signal will awaken the input device from its sleep mode.

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